



## **Xcel Energy Background**

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# Xcel Energy Service Territories

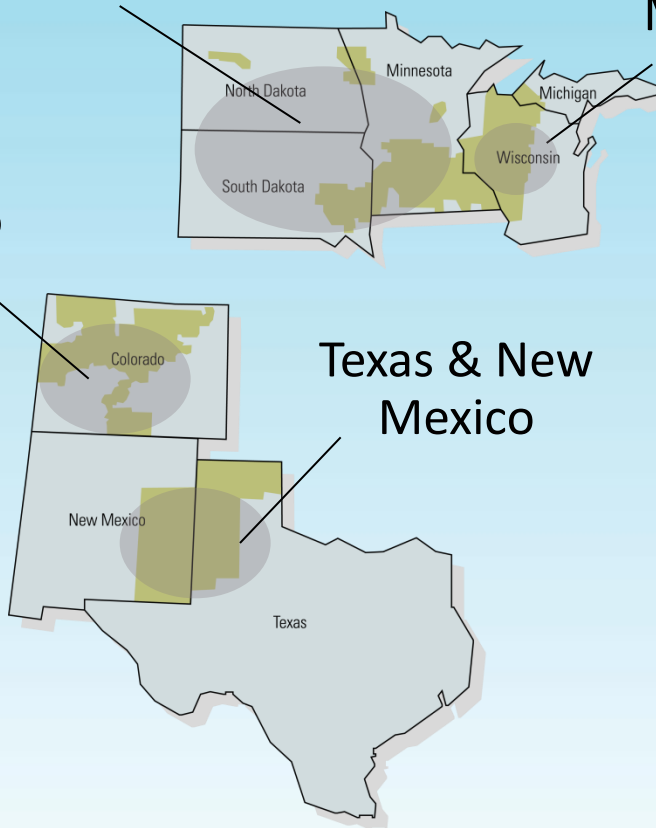
**\*Headquartered in Minnesota**

Minnesota, North  
Dakota & South Dakota

Wisconsin &  
Michigan

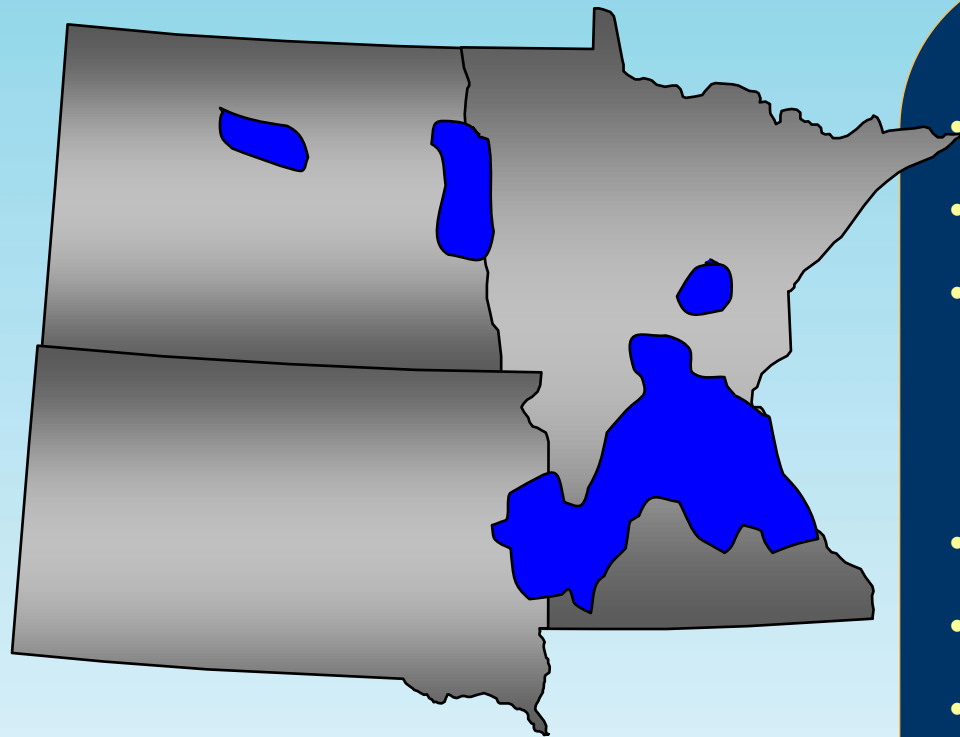
Colorado

Texas & New  
Mexico



- Fortune 250 company
- Forbes Global 2000
- ~5 million customers in 8 states
- \$10.7 billion in revenues
- Dow Jones Sustainability Index
- 2013 Utility of the Year (AWEA)
- 2014 Emergency Recovery Award

# Xcel Energy: Minnesota



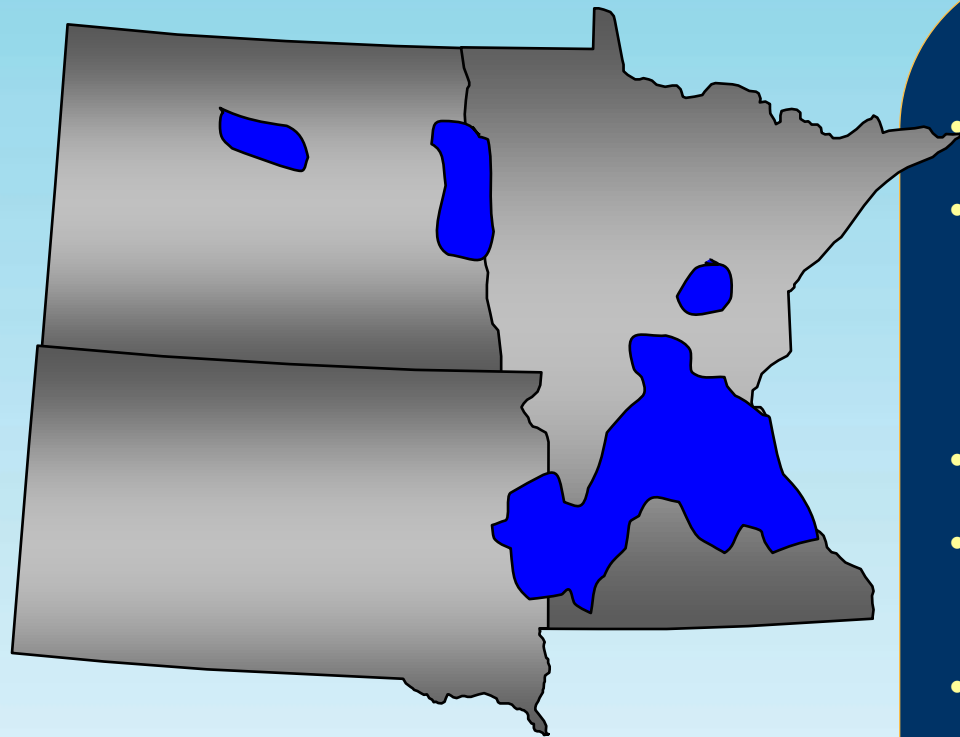
## Customer Base

- 1.4 million Electric Customers
- 500,000 Natural Gas Customers
- ~425 Cities & Towns

## Infrastructure

- 17 Power Plants
- 302 Substations
- ~3,940 Miles of Transmission
- ~26,875 Miles of Distribution
- ~7,826 Miles of Pipeline

# Xcel Energy: Minnesota



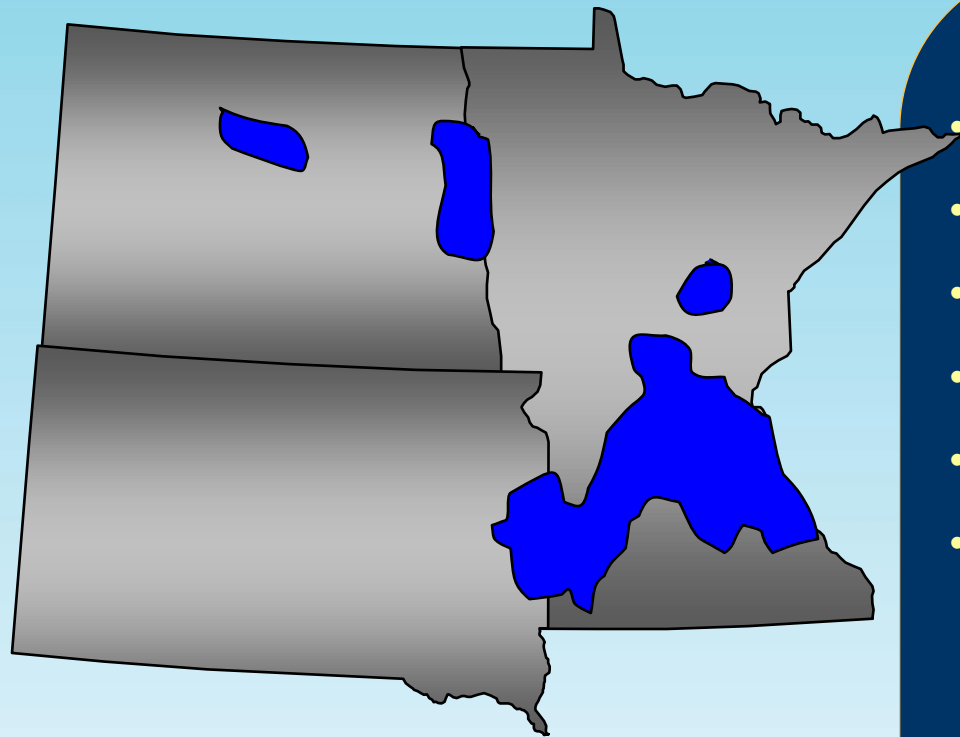
## Workforce Impact

- ~5,400 Employees
- 9,000+ Permanent & Contract Jobs

## Economic Impact

- ~\$1 Billion Annually on Infrastructure
- \$190 Million in Property Taxes (largest in Minnesota)
- \$162 Million in Sales Taxes
- \$10.5 Million in Bill Payment Aide
- \$3.6 Million in Low-Income Programs

# Xcel Energy: Minnesota



## Community Support

- \$2.1 Million in United Way Giving
- 18,000+ Employee Volunteer Hours
- 180 Non-profit/Business/Civic Boards
- Energy Classroom/Safety Calendars
- Xcel Energy Foundation Grants
- ~\$1.4 Million Annually
  - Education
  - Environment
  - Economic Sustainability
  - Arts & Culture

# **Xcel Energy: A Regulated Utility**

- **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)**
- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
- **Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)**
- **Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)**
- **Securities Exchange Commission (SEC)**
- **Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC)**
- **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)**
- **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)**
- **North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)**

# Leader in Carbon-Free Energy

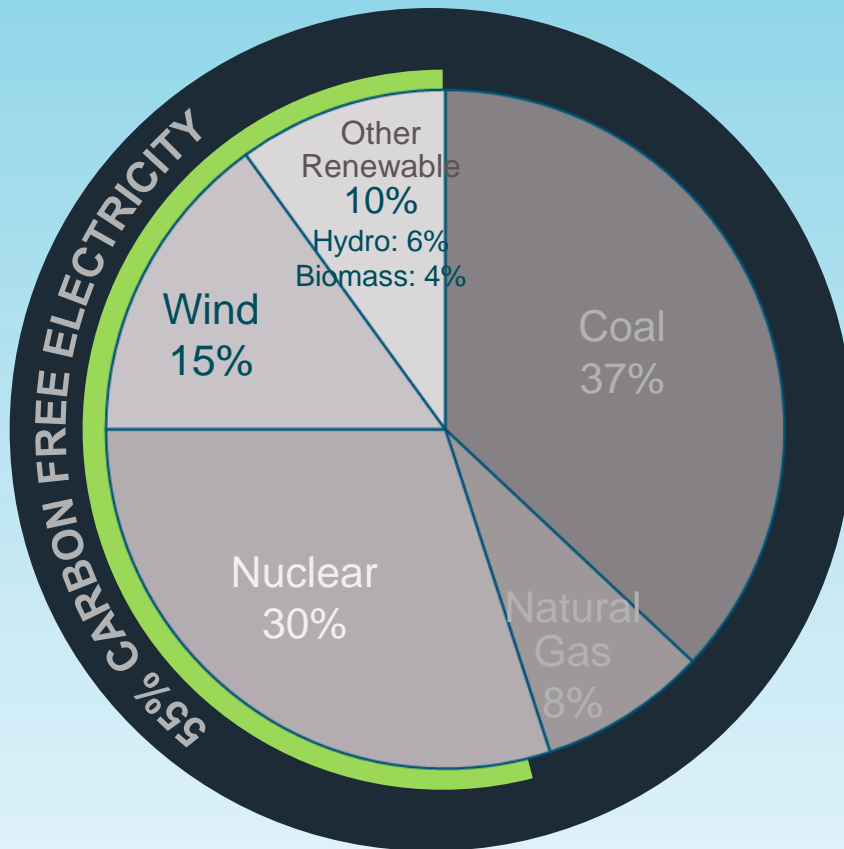


**60% carbon reduction by 2030**

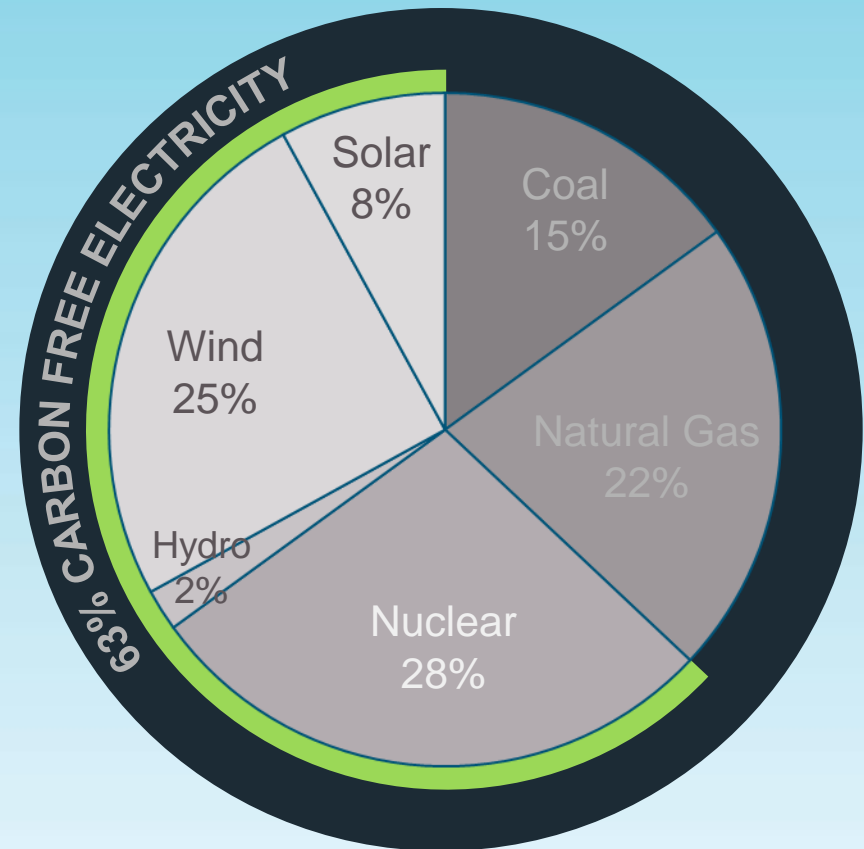
- **# 1 wind provider for a decade**
  - Addition of 800 MW of wind (by 2020)
  - Addition of 1,000 MW of wind (2020-2030)
- **Top 10 in solar in US**
  - On pace to meet state's solar standard: 1.5% electricity from solar (by 2020)
  - Addition of 400 MW of solar (by 2020)
  - Addition of 1,000 MW of solar (2020-2030)
- **Xcel Energy's Windsource®**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Largest Voluntary Green Energy Program in the US



# Reducing Risk and Increasing Fuel Diversity



2015



2030



# National Leader in Energy Efficiency

- Since 1992, Xcel Energy Minnesota saved enough electricity to avoid building 11, new 250 megawatt generating plants
- In 2013, Xcel Energy Minnesota:
  - \$92.4 million electric and natural gas DSM spending
  - 2.2 million electric participants
  - 599K natural gas participants
  - 494.7 GWh and 127 MW of electric savings
  - 787,918 Dth of natural gas savings



# First Minnesota Solar\*Rewards Community® Garden



- Near Mankato
- Live Sept. 9
- 36 kW; 5 subscribers



- Friends & family community solar example
- Developed by Novel Energy Solutions (a Minnesota company)
- Made-in-Minnesota incentives

# Questions?